Composite Fitment Centres for Disabled

†1527. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up any composite fitment centres for the disabled;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of the States where this scheme has been implemented, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Apart from five Composite Regional Centres for manpower development and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities, more than 100 districts have been identified for providing primary rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities living in remote and rural areas.

(c) The programme is being implemented in selected districts of all State/UT (except Delhi).

Expansion of network of Blind Schools

1528. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any concrete proposal to expand the network of blind schools all over the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to upgrade existing training facilities and schools;

(c) if so, the details of such a plan;

(d) whether such proposals have been referred to the Planning Commission;

(e) the reaction to such proposals;

(f) which States have been earmarked for initial action to step up blind activities; and

(g) the details thereof?

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